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SUBJECT: PEKING TOUTS SOVIET MILITARY THREAT TO JAPAN

SUMMARY: THE PRC'S LATEST COMMENT ON THE GROWTH OF A SOVIET MILITARY THREAT TO JAPAN CONTAINS AN IMPORTANT NEW WRINKLE BY EXPLICITLY LINKING THE SOVIET THREAT TO CHINA WITH JAPAN.

1. (NCNA(NOVEMBER 9) QUOTES JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS TO PROVE ITS POINT THAT RECENT SOVIET EXPANSION OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES

AROUND JAPAN POSES A SERIOUS MILITARY THREAT TO JAPAN. IT NOTES THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE REPEATEDLY REQUESTED PORT FACILITIES IN JAPAN BUT HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN, BUILD MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND BASES ON THE FOUR ISLANDS IN DISPUTE BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE USSR, ISLANDS "WHICH ARE INTRINSIC TERRITORY OF JAPAN," STEPPED UP THE ACTIVITIES OF

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THEIR NAVAL AND AIR FORCES AROUND JAPAN, AND HARASSED JAPANESE

FISHERMEN. THE ARTICLE ACCUSES THE SOVIETS OF WANTING TO CONTROL THE PACIFIC, THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND THE INDIAN OCEAN AND TO BECOME A MARITIME OVERLORD OF THE WORLD. IT ENDS WITH THE ASSERTION THAT "THE WOLD ARMAMENT EXPANSION AND CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS ALONG THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER BY THE SOVIET UNION HAVE CONSTITUTED A MENACE NOT ONLY TO CHINA BUT ALSO THE SECURITY OF JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN ASIA."

2. COMMENT: THE PRC THEME OF A GROWING SOVIET THREAT TO JAPAN HAS BEEN THE JUSTIFICATION OVER THE PAST YEAR OR SO FOR CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE US-JAPAN MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY AND CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE JAPANESE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES. HOWEVER, THE STATEMENT THAT SOVIET TROOPS THREATENING CHINA ALSO THREATEN JAPAN IS A NEW LINE FOR PUBLIC PRC COMMENT.
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